



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Gilmanton Conservation Commission
held Tuesday, 7 July 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Academy

Present: Sue Hale de Seve, Erin Hollingsworth, Nanci Mitchell (Chair), Brenda Sens, Dick de Seve, Tracy Tarr

Absent: Joe Derrick, Paula Gilman, Lisa Robinson

Nanci asked Sue to vote for Paula and announced that Tracy had been sworn in as a regular member.

- A. Minutes of June 9 and June 15: Dick pointed out that in the June 9th Minutes, p. 2 under monitoring the word should be they not the. He then moved that the Minutes be accepted as corrected. Erin seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Dick moved to accept the Minutes of June 15; Sue seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- B. Financial Report: Printer ink and DVDs for the program on groundwater were purchased and maps for the Bingham Farm survey were purchased. In our last statement we did not receive interest. No one knows why so Lois is checking into it.
- C. Status Report: The report is attached to the end of the Minutes. The only change is that Carpenter's forestry notification has been approved.
- D. Wetland/Shoreland Applications:
 - a. Beaudet, Crystal Lake—an existing house is being raised and a foundation is being placed under it. They will have to cut down a white pine and it will be replaced with plantings close to the water.
 - b. Additional information is needed for the Joyce application (#3 on the Status Report). Plans showing the area that is to stay in an unaltered state are needed.
 - c. Restoration on Meadow Pond Road—DES said the Town has to stabilize it and do another monitoring report. Tracy suggested that the Town consider getting a preliminary verbal report from the consultant in the future so that minor deficiencies could be corrected prior to sending the monitoring report to DES. This might avoid the need and cost of a follow-up monitoring report.
- E. Complaints/Violations/Concerns
 - a. Mary McKenna expressed concerns about water from a culvert under NH Rte 106 moving boulders around. Nanci gave her the telephone numbers for DOT. The Commission concluded that since DOT was aware of the concern and the stream appeared to be stable that no additional action was required at this time. Nanci also looked at a plan for the McKenna's neighbor's new septic system. She felt it was more a problem for the pond than for the McKenna's well. Dick will look into this.
 - b. The Donovans have questions about the culvert that the Morrills are putting in. Nanci assured them that the GCC will look at it once the wetland scientist has submitted the application.
- F. New Business:
 - a. RSA 91-A: Right-to-Know Law: we will discuss this when Joe is present.

- b. Review of Goals and Objectives: The list was reviewed. We will list the parcels that need to be monitored first and then get to priorities. Nanci will revise the list of goals and e-mail it for review.
 - c. The monitoring process was reviewed and the monitoring walk at Bingham Farm on July 12 was announced. Trail hazards, both natural and man-made, should be noted.
 - d. The conservation lands lists will be reviewed when Joe is present. We will decide whether or not to budget for a GPS.
 - e. Natural Resources Inventory recommendations will be discussed when everyone is present as will the commission task list.
 - f. Photo IDs can be arranged for those who want them. Please let Nanci know if you are interested.
 - g. The vernal pool information that Tracy provided is now on our website.
- G. Old Business:
- a. Discussion of “Our Groundwater: Who Decides?”
 - i. The Democracy School program in August takes place during the weekend of Gilmanton’s Old Home Day. Sue will let Gail Darrell know of this conflict.
 - ii. A full discussion of the program will take place when everyone is present.
 - b. Eagle Scout Project: nothing new to report
 - c. Forest signs are being worked on
 - d. Land Protection:
 - i. Perkins Farm--nothing new about transfer of conservation easement to Town.
 - ii. Bellush—nothing further from the attorney about the dock.
 - iii. Rague: The Planning Board needs to decide if the latest plan is acceptable. The pond still looks the way it did on the original but the label has been changed. Footage has been added to the wetland area. Nanci asked the Planning Board if this was acceptable and was told that it should be. There is still some confusion over the title and there is no insurance policy.
 - iv. DePasquales approached the Selectmen about possibly giving a lot on Varney Road to the Town. We will wait and see what they want to do after their tax assessment is revised.
 - v. Dick moved that we go into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3I(d) consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which if discussed in public would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. Brenda seconded the motion and it was approved by roll call vote. Matters associated with an interest in land were discussed. Brenda moved that we come out of non-public session; Erin seconded the motion and all agreed by roll call vote.
- H. Planning Board:
- a. Argue: Nanci asked Lynne Brunelle to clarify the discrepancy boundary line adjustment/subdivision plan and the Town’s tax map. The tax map shows the “flooded land” as part of Crystal Lake.
 - b. Padula: The site plan may change when there is a final decision about access. Steep slopes need to be stabilized.
 - c. Nanci asked Sue and Dick to review the draft Planning Board minutes for 6/11/09 on pages 3-4 for accuracy regarding the discussion of a large groundwater withdrawal ordinance.
- I. ZBA: nothing to report
- J. Board of Selectmen: We learned from their Minutes of the meeting on June 29th that they refused to allow bear baiting in the Thompson Town Forest. We will send a thank you by e-mail.
- K. Correspondence/Announcements

- a. A Belknap Country Greenway has been proposed.
 - b. There will be an Energy Fair at the Farmer's Market tomorrow (July 8).
 - c. A new Conservation Easement Handbook has been published. Brenda moved to purchase a copy. Dick seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- L. Intents to Cut:
- a. Keniston on Durrell Mountain Road
 - b. Carpenters—discussed under Status Report.
- M. Upcoming Dates:
- a. Planning Board, July 9, 7:00 p.m.
 - b. Conservation Commission Meeting with Nancy Christie, Tuesday, August 4 at 7:00 p.m.
 - c. Next regular GCC meeting, Tuesday, August 11, 7:00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Sens, Secretary

The Minutes are not accepted until signed.

GILMANTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Status Report for July 7, 2009 Meeting

A. Wetland and Shoreland Applications

1. Town, Middle Route, DES File # 2006-02011, after-the-fact application for culvert replacements. More information requested by DES.
2. Hoitt/Weston (Gilmanton Snowmobile Association), DES File #2008-01767, Trail Notification. Determined to be administratively incomplete by DES.
3. Joyce, Anderson Road, DES File #2009-01060, Shoreland Permit Application to impact 3384 sf to construct new home, driveway and septic. More information requested by DES.
4. Publicover, Gilman Road, DES File #2009-01248, Permit by Notification to impact 540 sf for a driveway crossing. More information requested by DES.
5. Carpenter, NH Rte 140, DES File #2009-01253, Forestry Notification. Under technical review by DES.
6. Turchi, Heath Dr., DES File #2009-01283, Seasonal Dock Notification. Under technical review by DES.